



City of Walthourville
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Larry D. Baker.
- II. Roll Call: The roll was taken by City Clerk, Shana T. Moss with the following members present:

Mayor Larry D. Baker
Councilman Charlie L. Anderson, Sr.
Councilman James Hendry

Mayor Pro Tem Luciria L. Lovette
Councilwoman Sarah B. Hayes
Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly

The attendance of council constituted a quorum.

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Luke R. Moses
LaTonia C. Wright
Fire Chief
Police Chief

City Attorney
Executive Assistant to Mayor Larry D. Baker
Anthony Burns
Jerry J. Blash

- III. Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilman James Hendry.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
- V. Presentation(s): None
- VI. Adoption of the Council Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 5-0: Motion Carried.
- VII. Adoption of City Council Minutes:
- September 22nd, 2020 Regular Minutes: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Anderson. Vote: 4-1: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Mayor Pro Tem Lovette
- September 22nd, 2020 Executive Session Minutes: The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilman Hendry. Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.
Opposed: Mayor Pro Tem Lovette
- VIII. Agenda Items:
- Old Business: None
- New Business:
1. Mr. Nirav Gandhi LCPC

For Mayor and Council to adopt the comprehensive plan update. Mr. Gandhi stated the work program component of this plan was approved in February 2020 by DCA. The work program updates are being submitted for final adoption. The Broadband Plan is county wide and it is in compliance with the Georgia "Achieving Connectivity Everywhere" (ACE) Act of 2018 and the State Minimum Standards for Local Comprehensive Planning. It is estimated that 16% of Georgians have no access to broadband services, and 8% in Liberty County does not have access. Mr. Gandhi presented a resolution for Mayor and Council to adopt. This resolution was not presented prior for review by the city's legal representation. City Attorney Moses will review the resolution and if he deems it sufficient it will be signed by Mayor Larry D. Baker. *(City Attorney Moses reviewed the resolution, it was acceptable and was signed by the Mayor).*

IX. Council Updates:

Mayor and Councilmembers

Fire Department

Councilman Anderson

Presented the department's call volume from September 22nd, 2020-October 12, 2020. The department had 18 medical calls, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 3 false alarms, 1 hazmat and 4 miscellaneous calls. Councilman Anderson encouraged all residents to obtain a city burn permit before burning any yard waste.

Economic Development

Councilwoman Hayes

Reported she has attended several voter registration drives. At one of the drives 35 new voters were registered. On October 24th, 2020 KLB will sponsor Rivers Alive Clean-up in Walthourville. She further stated Ms. Moss and Ms. Wright (City Hall) were coordinating volunteers. Also, on October 24th, 2020 the Shred-It event will be in Riceboro at Riceboro City Hall from 9:00 A.M-1:00 P.M. On October 30th, the City of Hinesville will have their Scarecrow Stroll Event. She is still disseminating information about the census.

Public Works

Councilman Hendry

He reported Slayton, Scott and Hardwick Roads were filled in with dirt. He reported the new garbage truck is in operation. He stated the recycling truck is using money, by going to Pratt and the recycle containers being contaminated. Councilwoman Kelly inquired about the status of recycling and stated her recycling was still being picked up.

Water Department

Councilwoman Kelly

Reported the smelly water has diminished tremendously. October 5th, 2020 was water disconnection (this was the first disconnection since March, the onset of the pandemic) the city had 137 disconnections.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem Lovette

Reported the park is not open due to COVID.

Police Department

Mayor Baker

Chief Blash gave the department's statistics from October 22nd, 2020-October 13th, 2020. He reported 2 thefts, 3 auto accidents, 71 citations, 13 warnings, 4 domestic violence calls, 3 verbal disputes and 2 arrests. The Coffee with a Cop Event was a great success. The next court date is October 20th, 2020 and on October 30th, 2020 the Police Department will have a Halloween Event at Marathon. They will be passing out candy to the children. Mayor Pro Tem Lovette commended Chief Blash for allowing the officers to attend training.

Mayor's Corner

Mayor Baker

Reported that COVID-19 numbers have spiked. Councilwoman Kelly asked about the 2021 Budget Preparations, Mayor Baker informed her the preparations were underway. City Clerk Moss stated an email was sent to Council Members and Department Heads. Department Heads were given their packets for their individual departments. The Department Heads were instructed to contact the elected official that is the liaison for their department. Councilwoman Hayes and Mayor Pro Lovette have sole departments and were given their packets.

X. Executive Session

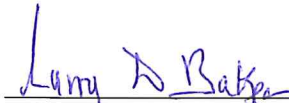
None

XI. Adjournment: At 6:27 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Hayes and the second was provided by Councilwoman Hendry.

Respectfully Submitted:



Shana T. Moss, City Clerk



Larry D. Baker, Mayor